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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/600,348

Filed: July 14, 2000

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PETITION UNDER §1.47(a)
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for filing under 1.47(a) for the above-referenced case. Signed Declarations are being filed from three of the four joint inventors for this case. The fourth inventor, Mr. Eric Elam, could not be reached after diligent efforts. An Oath or Declaration of Rosalinda Rafael, which includes proof of the pertinent facts and the last known address of the non-signing inventor, is provided herewith in support of said Petition.

Hence, this application is made by the other three inventors on behalf of the non-signing inventor, Mr. Elam. The commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(i) (\$130.00) to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge

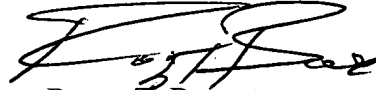
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